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Westside Development Corporation Receives \$100,000 High Impact Grant

(San Antonio, TX) – Westside Development Corporation (WDC) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from Impact San Antonio for its La Printeria project. This High Impact grant will further the WDC's mission of implementing economic development initiatives that preserve and protect the Westside's culture and history while creating a viable and thriving community.

Harvey Mireles, La Printeria Director, said that the award is a tremendous win for all of San Antonio.

"This will enhance opportunities for local artists and allow us to offer training and business assistance not otherwise possible. In turn, all of San Antonio will benefit by the addition of creative entrepreneurs, who will enhance our city's culture," said WDC President and CEO Leonard Rodriguez.

La Printeria was started in 2016 in partnership with Alamo Colleges Westside Education and Training Center (WETC), Edgewood Independent School District, WDC and Harvey Mireles. La Printeria is a cultural arts social enterprise whose programming is based on fine art printmaking as it relates to education, community, cultural preservation and economic development. Its mission is to cultivate and empower participants of all ages, especially youth ages 12-19. Through arts and mentorship, La Printeria affords youth the opportunity to belong to a creative community, build life skills, and obtain technical and marketable experience. Additionally, La Printeria fills a significant void by providing artists a resource with which to continue developing and marketing their work.

For more information on the WDC's La Printeria project, visit *laprinteria.org*.



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The Impact San Antonio award was presented on December 14, at the La Printeria facility on the WETC campus. Accepting the award were (left to right) Harvey Mireles, La Printeria Founder and Director; Beverly McClure, ImpactSA President (presenter); Leonard Rodriguez, WDC President and CEO; Dawn Hanson, WDC Development and Policy Manager; Gene Gonzalez, WETC Manager; and Jesus Delgadillo, La Printeria Apprentice.

About Westside Development Corporation

The Westside Development Corporation is a City of San Antonio delegate agency, non-profit organization and Local Government Corporation responsible for attracting new business and assisting existing business in the Westside of San Antonio. The organization has been responsible for fostering economic development, promoting the development and redevelopment of real estate, creating viable urban communities, and preserving the character, culture and history of San Antonio's Westside. For more information, about the WDC please visit *WestsideDevCorp.com*.